

Amendment to the Specification:

Page 1, below the title and above "TECHNICAL FIELD", please insert the following new paragraph:

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Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following amended paragraph:

In the Figures, reference number 6 means an injection portion, reference number 7 means a membrane apparatus for degassing, reference number 8 means a flow meter, reference number 9 means a mass flow controller, reference number 10 means a hydrogen gas generator, reference number 11 means a membrane module for dissolution of a gas, reference number 13 means a tank for aqueous ammonia, reference number 14 means a chemical-injection pump, reference number 15 means an inline mixer, reference number 16 means a concentration monitor for dissolved

hydrogen, reference number 17 means a pH meter, reference number 19 means a valve, reference number 21 means a water tank, reference number 22 and reference number 22' mean pipings, reference number 23 means a pump, reference number 24 means a filter, reference number 25 means a water level meter, reference number 26 means a piping for supplying a sealing gas, reference number 28 means a piping for supplying gas-dissolved water and reference number 30 means a cover.